# **BUSINESS ASSISTANT II, DISTRICT** AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION (SPECIALIST)



# SUBDIVISIONAL-PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATION

ANDERSON

ME28/4882 (9FA24)

An equal opportunity employer to all regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, disability, religious or political affiliation, age, or sexual orientation. It is an objective of the State of California to achieve a drug-free state workplace. Any applicant for state employment will be expected to behave in accordance with this objective because the use of illegal drugs is inconsistent with the law of the state, the rules governing Civil Service, and the special trust placed in

#### WHO SHOULD APPLY

This is a subdivisional promotional examination for the California Department of Food and Agriculture 27th District Agricultural Association. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria to participate in this examination.

- Applicants must have a permanent civil service appointment with the California Department of Food and Agriculture as of the final filing date, in order to participate in this examination: or
- Must be a current or former employee of the Legislature for two or more years as defined in Government Code §18990; or
- Must be a current or former non-elected exempt employee of the Executive Branch for two or more consecutive years as defined in Government Code § 18992; or
- Must be a person retired from the United States military, honorably discharged from active military duty with a service-connected disability, or honorably discharged from active duty as defined in Government Code § 18991.

#### NOTE: Veterans must provide a copy of their DD214 for entrance requirements. OR

Under certain circumstances, other employees (i.e., former Department employees or current employees on TAU, T&D, and LT status) may be allowed to compete under provisions of Rules 234, 235, and 235.2. State Personnel Board Rules 234, 235, 235.2, and 237 contain provisions regarding civil service status and eligibility for promotional examinations. This is a subdivisional promotional examination. Career credits do not apply.

Applications (STD 678) are available through the internet at <a href="http://www.spb.ca.gov">http://www.spb.ca.gov</a> and at the testing office shown below. Applications must be submitted to the California Department of Food and Agriculture no later than the FINAL FILING DATE: APRIL 10, 2009.

Applications accepted for this examination are only for the following fair:

# SHASTA DISTRICT FAIR 1890 BRIGGS STREET ANDERSON, CA 96007

#### SUBMIT APPLICATIONS (STD 678) TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

California Department of Food and Agriculture **Human Resources Branch** ATTN: Darlene Hayashi 1220 'N' Street, Room 242 Sacramento, CA 95814

## DO NOT SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

APPLICATION DEADLINE

TEST DATE

TESTING METHOD

SPECIAL TESTING

**ARRANGEMENTS** 

**SALARY RANGE** 

FINAL FILING DATE: FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2009.

Applications (STD 678) must be POSTMARKED no later than the final filing date. Applications postmarked, personally delivered, or received via interoffice mail after the final filing date will not be accepted for any reason.

It is anticipated that the examination will be sometime in MAY OR JUNE 2009.

The testing method used may be one or a combination of the following: ORAL OR WRITTEN EXAMINATION, EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE OR SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION.

If you have a disability and need special arrangements make the appropriate box in #2 of the application. You will be contacted to make specific arrangements. If you have not been contacted by the time you receive a notice to appear at a test, call the California Department of Food and Agriculture Exam Unit at (916) 653-5687.

NOTE: Applicants are required to bring either a photo identification card or two forms of signed identification to each phase of the examination. \$3335 - \$4054

REQUIREMENTS FOR

**EXAMINATION** 

ADMITTANCE TO THE

**ELIGIBLE LIST INFORMATION** 

REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION

NOTE: The salaries used in this bulletin are the latest available from the State Controller's Office, but may not reflect all of the pay raises granted recently. You should verify the salary levels with the department personnel office before making any commitments.

A Departmental "Subdivisional-Promotional" list will be established for each fair listed on the front of this bulletin. The eligible list will be abolished  $\underline{12}$  months after it is established  $\underline{unless}$  the needs of the service and conditions of the list warrant a change in this period.

NOTE: IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE YOU MEET THE EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS AS STATED BELOW. YOUR SIGNATURE ON YOUR APPLICATION INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTOOD, AND POSSESS THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED.

NOTE: ALL APPLICATIONS/RESUMES MUST INCLUDE: "TO" AND "FROM" DATES (MONTH/DAY/YEAR); TIME BASE; AND JOB TITLES. APPLICATIONS/RESUMES RECEIVED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION MAY BE REJECTED.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifying experience may be combined on a proportionate basis if the requirements stated below include more than one pattern and are distinguished as "Either" I, "Or" II, "Or" III, etc. For example, candidates possessing qualifying experience amounting to 50 percent of the required time of Pattern I, and additional experience amounting to 50 percent of the required time of Pattern II, may be admitted to the examination as meeting 100 percent of the overall experience requirement.

Either I
Two years of experience performing the duties of a Business Assistant I, District Agricultural Association, including experience in working with an Association's financial reporting and control system.

#### Or II

Experience: Four years of experience performing and coordinating a variety of business service and support functions in an organization, including financial control and reporting. Previous work experience shall have included public contact responsibilities. Two years of the required experience must have included experience in performing bank reconciliations, maintaining trial balances, and keeping a general ledger as a full-charge bookkeeper. and

**HOW TO APPLY** 

# BUSINESS ASSISTANT II, DAA SPECIALIST

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS (cont)

Education: Completion of the equivalent of 12 semester units in Accounting 1A and 1B, Business Law, and Cost Accounting.

BRD: 04/10/09

#### NOTE: SUBMISSION OF TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRED TO VERIFY THE EDUCATION REQUIREMENT. FAILURE TO ATTACH TRANSCRIPTS MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OF YOUR APPROVAL TO COMPETE IN THE EXAMINATION

#### POSITION DESCRIPTION

A Business Assistant II, District Agricultural Association (Specialist), assists the Chief Executive Officer of a large district fair, in the coordination and operation of a district fair office, schedules events, and may negotiate rental and service agreements for use of space and facilities of DAA fairs and community or commercial purposes; secures bids and prepares contracts for various services; initiates purchase orders for supplies and equipment; may secure judges; arranges for interim use of facilities; prepares budget estimates and maintains budget records; coordinates office procedures; performs or supervises preparation of personnel documents and reports; maintains personnel records and prepares payroll; maintains accounting records including ledgers, journals, and bank accounts; plans and organizes sale of tickets; may prepare premium books for fairs; may have responsibility for hiring temporary staff and overseeing the work of temporary or permanent staff.

#### **EXAMINATION INFORMATION**

SCOPE OF EXAM

SCOPE OF ON-THE-JOB

KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES

**AND** 

This examination will consist of a Qualification Appraisal Interview only. include a number of predetermined job-related questions.

#### Competitors who do not appear for the interview will be disqualified.

In order to obtain a position on the eligible list, a minimum rating of 70% must be attained in the interview.

#### QUALIFICATIONS APPRAISAL INTERVIEW - WEIGHTED 100%

The California Department of Food and Agriculture and the State Personnel Board reserves the right to revise the examination plan to better meet the needs of the service if the circumstances under which this examination was planned have changed. Such revision will be in accordance with Civil Service laws and rules and all competitors will be notified.

In addition to evaluating the competitor's relative abilities as demonstrated by quality and breadth of experience, emphasis in the examining interview will be on measuring competitively, relative to job demands, each competitor's:

#### **Knowledge of:**

- General business practices and methods; 1.
- Practices, procedures, and methods of fiscal record keeping; 2.
- 3. Basic accounting principles and methods;
- 4. General purchasing methods, controls, and procedures;
- 5. Basic personnel procedures;
- District Agricultural Association's operations and events; 6.
- 7. Public relations;
- 8. Financial control and reporting requirements of a District Agricultural Association.

#### Ability to:

- Organize, coordinate, and accomplish a variety of business support functions; 1
- 2. Prepare budget estimates and control expenditures;
- 3. Coordinate and accomplish office support activities;
- 4. Gather, organize, and summarize data;
- 5. Prepare reports and correspondence;
- 6. Organize and establish work priorities;
- Work under pressure; 7.
- 8. Independently complete a variety of assignments;
- Work effectively with the public; 9.
- Maintain on-going responsibility for a District Agricultural Association's financial reporting and control system.

### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

SPECIAL NOTE:

If conditions warrant, this examination may utilize an evaluation of each competitor's experience and education compared to a standard developed from the class specification. For this reason, it is especially important that each candidate take special care in accurately and completely filling out his or her application. List all experience relevant to the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" shown on this announcement, even if that experience goes beyond the seven-year limit printed on the application. Supplementary information will be accepted, but read the "Requirements for Admittance to the Examination" carefully to see what kind of information will be useful to the staff doing the evaluation.

# VETERANS PREFERENCE **CAREER CREDITS QUESTIONS?**

Veterans preference credits will not be granted in this examination.

Career Credits do not apply in this examination.

If you have any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Examination Unit, 1220 N Street, Room 242, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 653-5687.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Americans with Disabilities Act, Title II: The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) is committed to a strong policy of equal employment opportunity. To this end, CDFA does not discriminate against or exclude any person from participating in the employment process, advancement, benefits of employment, or in the admission and access to programs or activities administered by CDFA on the basis of: race; color; national origin; ancestry; religion; creed; sex; marital status; sexual orientation; pregnancy; age; veteran status; political affiliation; or disability (including AIDS) as required by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities will be made available upon request. Candidates must be able to perform the essential functions of the position with or without reasonable accommodations.

General Qualifications: Candidates must possess essential personal qualifications including integrity, initiative, dependability, good judgment, and ability to work cooperatively with others; and a state of health consistent with the ability to perform the assigned duties of the class. If an offer of employment is made, a medical examination may be required. In open examinations, investigation may be made of employment records and personal history and fingerprinting may be required. All job offers are subject to an approval process.

If you meet the requirements stated you may take this examination, which is competitive. Possession of the entrance requirements does not assure a place on the eligible list. Your performance in the examination described on the other side of this bulletin will be compared with the performance of the others who take this test, and all candidates who pass will be ranked according to their

Applications are available at State Personnel Board offices, local offices of the Employment Development Department and the Department noted on the front.

It is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture Examinations Unit three (3) days prior to the written test date if s/he has not received his/her

If a candidate's notice of oral interview or performance test fails to reach him/her prior to the day of the interview due to a verified postal error, s/he will be rescheduled upon written request. For an examination without a written feature it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the California Department of Food and Agriculture Examinations Unit at (916) 654-0422 three (3) weeks after the final filing date if s/he has not received a progress notice.

Examination Locations: When a written test is part of the examination, it will be given in such places in California as the number of candidates and conditions warrant. Ordinarily, oral

interviews are scheduled in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. However, locations of interviews may be limited or extended as conditions warrant.

Eligible lists: Eligible lists established by competitive examination, regardless of date, must be used in the following order: 1. sub-divisional promotional, 2. departmental promotiona

3. multi-departmental promotional, 4. service-wide promotional, 5. departmental open, 6. open. Eligible lists will expire in from one (1) to four (4) years unless otherwise stated on this bulletin.

Interview Scope: If an interview is conducted, in addition to the scope described on the other side of this bulletin, the panel may consider education, experience, personal development, personal traits, and fitness. In appraising experience, more weight may be given to the breadth and recency of pertinent experience and evidence of the candidate's ability to accept and fulfill increasing responsibilities than to the length of his/her experience. Evaluation of a candidate's personal development will include consideration of his/her recognition of his/her own training needs; his/her plans for self-development; and the progress s/he has made in his/her efforts toward self-development.

Veterans Preference: California law limits the granting of veterans preference credits to entrance examinations. Directions for applying for veterans preference are on the Veterans Preference Application form which is available from the State Personnel Board office, written test proctors, and the Department of Veterans Affairs, P.O. Box 1559, Sacramento, Ca 95807.

High School Equivalence: Equivalence to completion of the twelfth (12th) grade may be demonstrated in any one of the following ways: 1) passing the General Education Development (GED) Test; 2) completion of 12 semester units of college-level work; 3) certification from the State Department of Education, a local school board, or high school authorities that the candidate is considered to have education equivalent to graduation from high school; or 4) for clerical and accounting classes, substitution of business college work in place of high school on a year-for-year basis.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and is reachable only from phones equipped with a TDD Device. CALIFORNIA RELAY (TELEPHONE) SERVICE FOR THE DEAF OR HEARING IMPAIRED:

FROM TDD PHONES: 1-800-735-2929 FROM VOICE PHONES: 1-800-735-2922